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4. ASIDE FROM MUTUAL PRAISE AND THANKS, THE COMMUNIQUE WAS  
LARGELY ROUTINE. REVIEWING BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE TWO SIDES  
NOTED "WITH DEEP PLEASURE" THAT NO PROBLEMS EXISTED BETWEEN THEM  
AND THAT THEY SHARED SIMILAR IDEALS, INTERESTS, AND VIEWS ON  
MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THERE WAS THE CUSTOMARY PARAGRAPH  
RECORDING BHUTTO'S OUTLINING OF THE STEPS TAKEN TOWARD SUBCONT-  
INENTAL NORMALIZATION ON THE BASIS OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT AND THE  
FOREIGN VISITOR'S APPRECIATION FOR THIS. IN THIS SOUTH ASIAN  
CONTEXT, SIHANOUK WELCOMED PAKISTAN'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIP-  
LOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH AS A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS PEACE  
AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. THE TWO SIDES ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT  
THE KASHMIR QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEV-  
ANT UN RESOLUTIONS. ON THE MIDEAST, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN  
THAT THE SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWED UP BY  
OTHER STEPS AND CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM  
ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES INCLUDING JERUSALEM AND THE RESTIT-  
UTION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

5. DISCUSSING THE VISIT WITH POL COUNSELOR, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL  
(EAST ASIA) SHAHARYAR KHAN DESCRIBED IT AS LARGELY MOTIVATED BY  
SIHANOUK'S WISH TO THANK COUNTRIES WHICH HAD SUPPORTED HIS CAUSE.

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HE COMPARED IT IN THIS REGARD TO BHUTTO'S OWN TRAVELS SOON AFTER THE DECEMBER 1971 INDO-PAK WAR. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN BASICALLY LITTLE THE TWO SIDES HAD TO SAY TO ONE ANOTHER. THEY HAD NO BILATERAL PROBLEMS FOLLOWING THE EXIT FROM CAMBODIA OF SOME 300 APK RESIDENTS (REF A), AND THE CAMBODIAN INSISTENCE ON GOING IT ALONE IN ITS RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS RULED OUT ANY MOVE ON PAKISTAN'S PART TO OFFER ASSISTANCE (AS THE GOP HLD HELPED BANGLADESH). "THEY DIDN'T EVEN WANT A BAG OF RICE", SHAHARYAR DECLARED. THIS SELF-HELP APPROACH ALSO MEANT, SHAHARYAR FELT, THAT THE CAMBODIANS HAD NO PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SEEKING IN THE GOP AN OPENINLTO THE WEALTHIER COUNTRIES OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD. HE SAID THAT NEITHER THE ISSUE OF CAMBODIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE MUSLIM COUNTRIES NOT THAT OF MUSLIMS IN CAMBODIA (REF B) HAD COME UP. (NEITHER OF THESE THEMES WAS MENTIONED IN PRESS COMM-ENTARY.)

6. SHAHARYAR SAID THAT SIHANOUK HAD NOT BEEN ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS THE US AND HAD NOT SOUGHT IN THE COMMUNIQUE STRONGER LANGUAGE THAN THAT ACTUALLY USED. HE HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET UNION ("OUR FRIENDS OF THE TWENTY SECOND HOUR") THOUGH SHAHARYAR NOTED THAT HE HAD INCLUDED COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO THE USSR INCLUDING SOMALIA IN HIS INTINERARY.

7. SHAHARYAR SAID SIHANOUK HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION WHEN THE CAMBODIANS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TZ RETUR TO PHNOM PENH OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ON A LARGE SCALE. THE PAKS, WHO MIGHT WISH TO ESTABLISH ONE THERE, ARE ACCORDINGLY LETTING THE MATTER RIDE, AND EXPECT TO KEEP THEIR AMBASSADOR IN PEKING ACCREDITED TO CAMBODIA. ASKED ABOUT ANY COMMENTS SIHANOUK MIGHT HAVE MADE ABOUT HIS OWN PRESENT AND FUTURE ROLE, SHAHARYAR SAID THAT NOTHING HAD COME UP ON THIS IN THE TALKS THOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRINP HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH BHUTTO DURING THE LONG PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THEY HAD HAD.

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